

Remarks

Claims 1 to 16 have been cancelled. With entry of this Amendment, claims 17 to 28 are pending. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Provisional Obviousness Type Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 6 to 11 and 17 to 28 stand have been provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over co-pending Application No. 09/862993.

Claims 6 to 11 have been cancelled. With respect to pending claims 17 to 28, a terminal disclaimer is being submitted in copending Application No. 09/862993 relative to this application. The submission of the terminal disclaimer in the copending application should overcome this provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

§ 103(a) Rejection

Claims 6 to 11 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Daugherty, III, U.S. Patent No. 5,884,286.

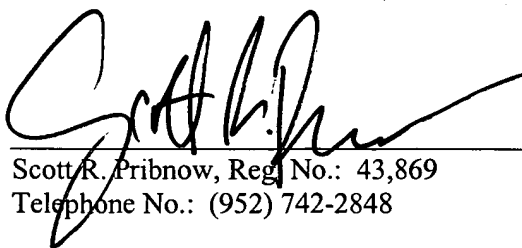
Claims 6 to 11 have been cancelled. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 6 to 11 should be withdrawn.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Allowance of claims 17 to 28 is respectfully requested.

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